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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: MTN ETRD GATT AS
SUBJ: VARIOUS AUSTRALIAN TRADE MATTERS

REF: A. STATE 15240, B. STATE 13881, C. CANBERRA 357

1. CORRIDOR DISCUSSIONS WITH AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR WARWICK-SMITH YIELDED OBSERVATIONS ON A NUMBER OF AUSTRALIAN TRADE VIEWS OF INTEREST TO USG.

2. CONFIRMING REF A, WARWICK-SMITH SAID GOA GIVING THOUGHT TO WITHDRAWING FROM MFA. HE DOUBTED, HOWEVER, THAT GOA WOULD ULTIMATELY DECIDE TO PULL OUT. HOWEVER, HE STATED PERSONAL VIEW THAT MFA WAS OF NO REAL BENEFIT TO GOA AND SHOULD NOT HAVE ENTERED INTO IT IN THE FIRST PALCE. AMBASSADOR WALKER INDICATED STRONG INTEREST OF
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USG IN MAINTAINING MFA, DESPITE IMPERFECTIONS, AND

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ENCOURAGED CONTINUED GOA PARTICIPATION.

3. AMBASSADOR WALKER INQUIRED HOW AUSTRALIA CAME TO OPT TO ADOPT BRUSSELS DEFINITION OF VALUE (REF C) UNILATERALLY AND WITHOUT SEEKING PAYMENT IN MTN. WARWICK-SMITH REPLIED THAT DECISION REFLECTED PESSIMISM IN CANBERRA TOWARD MTN AND CANBERRA'S JUDGEMENT THAT SINCE GOA WAS LIKELY TO GET LITTLE OUT OF MTN ANYWAY, THERE WAS NO REASON TO BARGAIN OVER ADOPTION OF BVD. WARWICK-SMITH SAID THE DECISION WAS MADE ENTIRELY IN CANBERRA WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF HIS OFFICE.

4. AMBASSADOR WALKER APPROACHED WARWICK-SMITH PURSUANT TO REF B POINTING OUT THE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE CONSEQUENCES OF THE AUSTRALIAN EFFORT. WARWICK-SMITH RESPONDED THAT THE US ALWAYS HAD SOME EXCUSE FOR NOT RE-EVALUATING THE SECTION 22 WAIVER AND GOA IS FRUSTRATED IN EFFORTS TO SECURE BETTER ACCESS FOR ITS DAIRY PRODUCTS. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADRO WALKER'S OBSERVATION THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE THIS SUBJECT IN THE MTN, WARWICK-SMITH SCOFFED AND OBSERVED THAT THIS WAS JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF WHY AUSTRALIA WAS UNLIKELY TO GET MUCH OUT OF THE MTN. WALKER

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